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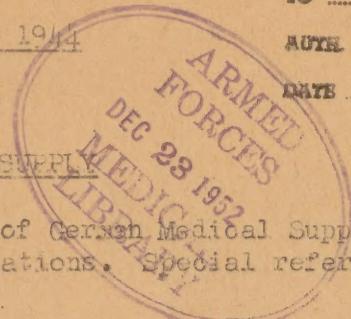
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GERMAN MEDICAL SUPPLY



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1. Information on the organization of German Medical Supply and Medical Depots has appeared in many recent publications. Special reference should be made to:

- a. Operational Intelligence Brief on Germany, prepared in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, SHAEF;
- b. Military HQ and Installations in Germany, MID and War Office, March 1944;
- c. Handbook of German Administration and Supply, War Office, April 1944.

In addition, the Medical Department Enemy Equipment Intelligence Team also has furnished some data on this subject. Pertinent information from these sources has been summarized briefly.

2. In Germany, medical supplies and equipment usually are sent direct from the various manufacturers either to the Main Medical Depot in Berlin or to the Wehrkreis and Medical Collecting Depots. The principal manufacturer of pharmaceutical supplies for the armed forces is the Bayer firm, which is a subsidiary of the I. G. Farbenindustrie. The principal works are at Leverkusen while accessory factories are located at Elberfeld and Höchst. Other important pharmaceutical firms are Merck & Co., Darmstadt; E. de Haen, Hamburg/Seelze; Knollag, Ludwigshafen; and C. F. Boehringer, Mannheim/Waldorf. Additional important factories formerly were centered around Berlin, including Schering, Riedel, and Hoffman La Roche. Medical equipment is manufactured by Vormals, Jetter, and Scheerer of Tuttlingen, by Siemens-Reiniger-Werke of Berlin, and others.

3. The German medical organization operates on a territorial basis. A chain of command for medical depots is organized along the same line as that of German military hospitals. This is as follows:

- a. The central authority for all medical matters is at the army High Command--General Army Office (Medical Inspectorate) i.e., Oberkommando des Heeres/Allgemeines Heeresamt (Sanitäts Inspektion), or, OKH/AHA (S.In.).
- b. Wehrkreis HQ, Abteilung IV b (Medical Section of Wehrkreis HQ).
- c. Wehrkreis Sanitätsparks--(Service Command Medical Depots).
- d. Sammelsanitätsparke--(Medical Collecting Depots).
- e. The Hauptsanitätsparke or the Central (Main) Medical Depot in Berlin comes directly under the control of the OKH/AHA (S.In.).

4. Sanitätsbeutesammelstellen are Medical Booty Collecting Points. These are centers for the storage and issue of captured medical equipment, which consists principally of French material but with some of Italian, English and Russian origin.

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5. Appendix A outlines graphically the information, requisition and supply channels, which apply to all medical supplies. Appendix B gives locations of the principal medical depots in the Heimat.

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APPENDIX A

S U P P L Y O F M E D I C A L E Q U I P M E N T

I.

INFORMATION AND REQUISITION CHANNELS

(Dotted Lines)

Troop units replace their medical equipment "on the move" from the Medical Services within reach; in the event this is not possible, requests go to the Division.

Medical Services of the Division requisition on the Division Surgeon.

Medical Services of the Army requisition on the Army Surgeon.

Division Surgeons requisition on the Army Surgeon (via the Corps Surgeon) who makes allotments from the Medical Depot and also requisitions on the Medical Collecting Depot.

II.

SUPPLY CHANNELS

(Solid Lines)

Delivery is made to the Medical Collecting Depot as follows:

when it is

a. Medical equipment from Wehrkreis (Service Command) Medical Depots.
Medical equipment from Main Medical Depot.

when it is

b. Ambulances from Army Ordnance Chief.

when it is

c. Housekeeping equipment from Wehrkreis (Service Command) Administration.

One or two Medical Collecting Depots supply the Medical Depot of an Army, which can organize and supply Branch Medical Depots. The Medical Depot (and the Branch Medical Depot) supplements or replaces the medical equipment of the Army Medical Services, the Division Medical Services, and the stock medical equipment of the Division Surgeons.

Troop units receive medical equipment from medical services or from the stock medical equipment of the Division Surgeon.

(See Chart on Page 2)

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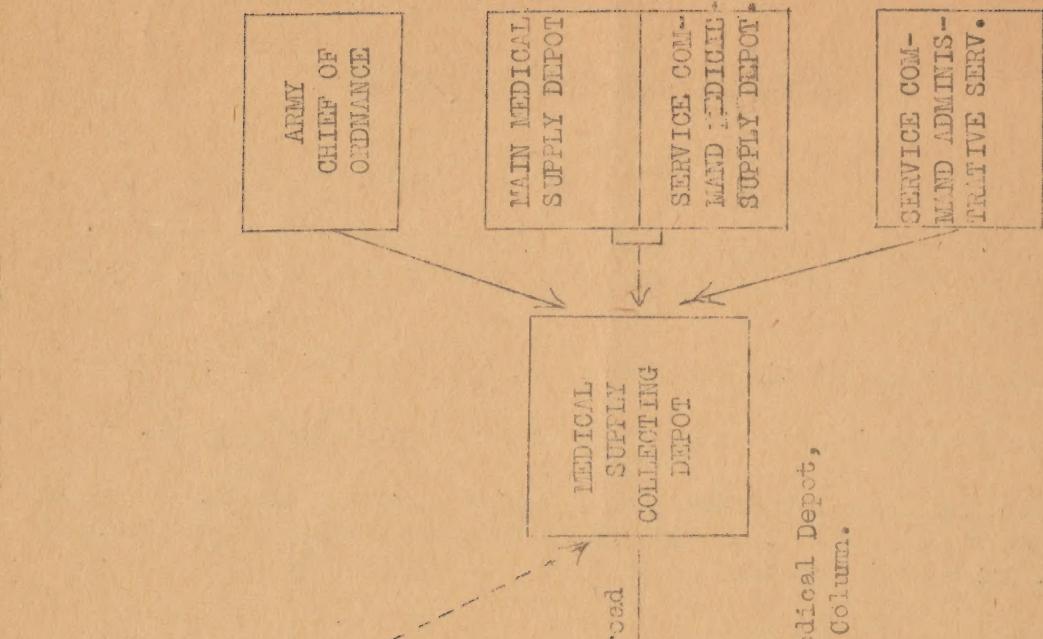
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APPENDIX .

MEDICAL STORES IN GERMANY

Serial No.	Wehrkreis	City	Establishment	Location	Date of Information	Remarks
1.	III	BERLIN	Haups-Sanitätspark, Abteilung Pruramt und Heilbedarf.	Friederich- Wilhelmsstrasse 1-5, BERLIN- TEMAUER.	March 1944.	Main Medical Park.
2.	IV	LITZTG	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts- Park IV.		March 1944.	
3.	V	STUTTGART	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts- Park V.	Tall-Strasse 38/40, Stutt- gart-Ost.	March 1944.	
4.	VI	HAGEN in WESTFALEN	Sanitäts-Beute- Sammelstelle.	Hagen-Deltern	March 1944.	Captured medical equipment.
5.	VII	MÜLHEIM- STELLDORF	Sanitäts-Beute- Sammelstelle.		March 1944.	Captured medical equipment.
6.	VII	OSNABRÜCK	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts- Park VI.		March 1944.	
7.	VII	MÜNCHEN	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts- Park VII.		March 1944.	
8.	VIII	BRIESLAU	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts- Park VIII.		March 1944.	
9.	IX	THRINGHAUSEN bei Kassel	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts- Park IX.		March 1944.	

APPENDIX B (cont.)

MEDICAL STORES IN GERMANY

Serial No.	Wehrkreis	City	Establishment	Location	Date of Information	Remarks
10.	X	HAMBURG	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts-Park I.	Morewood-Strasse 17/19, Hambourg-Wandsbek.	March 1944.	
11.	XII	TRIER	Sammel-Sanitäts-Park.		March 1944.	Was probably the principal forwarding point for medical supplies to the WEST.
12.	XII	WIESBADEN	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts-Park XII.	Biebericher-Strasse 20, Wiesbaden-Schierstein	March 1944.	Disposes of a chemical research station near the medical park and is reported to have a considerable stock of research equipment.
13.	XVII	WIEN	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts-Park XVII.	Heinrich-Collin Strasse 35, Wien XIV.	March 1944.	
14.	XX	DAZIG	Wehrkreis-Sanitäts-Park XX.	Danzig-Schnellbaum, Schnellin Unterweg 2a.	March 1944.	
15.	BOHNEN-MAHRN	PRAG	Heeres-Sanitäts-Park Prag.		March 1944.	